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639. (new) The medium of claim 607, wherein said
reconfiguring said framework comprises using a new vertex to
replace a previous vertex located at an end of said unnecessary,
removed line segment.

REMARKS

This is in full and timely response to the Office Letter dated September 20, 2001. Reexamination and reconsideration of the claim is respectfully requested.

Claims 20-47, 76-108, and 151-153, 155-156, 158, 160-165, 168, and 410-631 are now pending.

No new material has been added.

Appreciation is expressed for the Examiner's efforts in this matter.

Interview

Applicant gratefully wishes to thank the Examiner for

extending the courtesy of granting and conducting on September 5, 2001, a telephone interview.

During the interview, Applicant's representative and the Examiner discussed the entry of the substitute specification filed on October 5, 2000 and the entry of the amendments filed October 5, 2000 and April 27, 2001.

Office Letter of September 20, 2001

The Office Letter of September 20, 2001 requested a renumbering of the claims.

In response, claims 180-409 have been renumbered as claims 410-639.

Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.


Conclusion

Favorable reexamination and reconsideration of the application in light of the amendments and remarks is courteously solicited.

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If the Examiner has any comments or suggestions that could place this application in even better form, the Examiner is requested to telephone Brian K. Dutton, Reg. No. 47,255, at 202-955-8753 or the undersigned attorney at the below-listed number.

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